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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Substitute Information Disclosure Statement for the above-identified application, which is a substitute for the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 28, 2003. A copy of each of the references cited in the PTO-1449 was attached to the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 28, 2003.

This Substitute Information Disclosure is filed herewith in order to correct the Transmittal cover sheet filed with the February 28, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement.

This Substitute Information Disclosure Statement is submitted after the mailing of a final action, a Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, but on or before payment of the Issue Fee.

The undersigned hereby certifies that no item of information contained in the February 28, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making

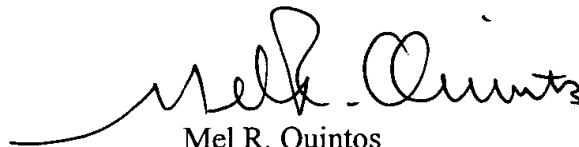
reasonable inquiry, no information contained in that statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of that statement.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

A check is attached hereto which covers the \$130.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this Statement to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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